School of Education Graduates - Where They Are Now...

- Jocelyn Roper - ECE Graduate - Crowned Miss South Carolina Foothills and will compete this summer for the title of Miss South Carolina

- Jamie Allen - Middle Level Graduate - McCracken Junior High 8th Grade Math

- Heather Bostic - Elementary Graduate - 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year, 4th Grade Teacher at Woodland Elementary

School of Education Renews NCATE Accreditation!

February 27 through March 1, a six member team representing the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) made their onsite visit to evaluate our programs for national accreditation renewal. With the help of everyone (administration, faculty, staff, students, and our P-12 schools), the School of Education received full national accreditation again!

Thank you, on behalf of the School of Education, for your participation in this important process. NCATE Accreditation further accentuates the pride and confidence we have in our programs and our students! CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done!
Lone Oak Second Graders on Campus!...

On Wednesday, March 16, fifty second grade students from Lone Oak Elementary School visited the School of Education! During their campus visit, candidates in SEDL 446 - Teaching Mathematics in Elementary School and SEDR 444 Literacy III: Addressing Reading and Writing Problems worked with the second graders on two math projects. At Station One, students “purchased” items from our “store” and practiced counting money up to one dollar. At Station Two, the computer lab, students used transformations to create a Ferris wheel using Geometer’s Sketchpad. The visit by these second grade students provided our candidates with a wonderful opportunity to practice their pedagogical skills.

Physical Education Program Nationally Recognized!...

The physical education program at the University of South Carolina Upstate has been accepted into the National Strength and Conditioning Association Education Recognition Program. Acceptance into the program indicates that the physical education program’s curriculum meets the recommendations of the NSCA for training students in the field of strength and conditioning, and that students pursuing the non-teaching physical education degree are receiving the best possible preparation to pursue careers training athletes to perform at their highest potential.

NSCA is the worldwide authority on strength and conditioning, supporting and disseminating research-based knowledge and its practical application to improve athletic performance and fitness. Students completing the curriculum are prepared to sit for the NSCA’s Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist exam and the American College of Sports Medicine’s Health Fitness Specialist exam, which result in the top credentials in the field. The degree also prepares students for a wide variety of careers in fitness, as well as graduate study in Exercise Science and health professions such as Physical Therapy.

For more information contact Dr. Ben Snyder, physical education program coordinator at USC Upstate, at (864) 503-5528 or bsnyder@uscupstate.edu. To learn more about the National Strength and Conditioning Association Education Recognition Program, visit www.nsca-lift.org/erp/.
Recruitment/Career Fair Day A Success!...

Given the current economy, we were very excited to have 10 School Districts on campus for our Spring 2011 Education Recruitment held March 16th. The day began with a forum of speakers whose main objective was to answer questions from our spring student teachers. The forum guests were: Nate White, Richland County School District One; Ernestine Williams, Human Resources, and Tammy Fletcher, Principal, Oconee County School District. The questions from the 140+ teacher candidates ranged from, “What can I do to make my resume stand out?” to “Should I send my resume to the Principal or to the District?” The forum speakers commented at how impressed they were with the group of student teachers and how focused they seemed with their questions.

Following the forum, the students moved to the Health Education Gym to the Education Recruitment Fair where they were met with recruiters who were anxiously awaiting their arrival. Students crowded around each of the tables hoping to hear every word regarding job openings now or in the near future. The Recruitment Fair began at 11:30am and ended around 1:30pm. While most of the students visited each table to pick up material and leave a resume, many of the students signed up for “interviews on the spot” with recruiters. An “interview on the spot” is an excellent opportunity for the recruiter and student to have an initial conversation concerning the district’s needs as well as the student’s qualifications. If all goes well, the student could be called for a formal interview within the district.

My thanks go out to Carrie Boggs, Career Center Assistant for her hard work in helping coordinate this event and to Debbie Whittingham, Field Placement Coordinator for ensuring that students were present and ready with lots of good questions! My job would be so much more difficult if it were not for these two ladies.

All in all, the day was a success! Sherry McAdams, Director of Career Center

PE Majors Selling Education T-Shirts - Buy One Today!...

PE majors are selling School of Education T-shirts for $15 to help pay for a trip that 6 of them are going to be making to Chicago. These students will be doing 30 hours of their required 100 hours observation at Chicago City Day School. Please contact Dr. Jim Kamla to purchase a shirt!
On March 5th, the Greenville TEACh organization participated in the Ready 4 Reading “Family Fun with the Cat in the Hat” event. Many TEACh members enjoyed reading to children from infants to age 4 and painting the faces of children of all ages. As a matter of fact, the face painting was such a huge hit, that the lines lasted well past the time the event was supposed to end. It was an event that everyone, TEACh members and community alike, seemed to enjoy. Thanks to all the TEACh students who volunteered their time and talent.

The Greenville TEACh organization will be sponsoring a 5k walk, on April 2nd, in support of shelters for the homeless. The participants will collect items to donate to the shelters, and then will join forces with their peers to participate in a walk to raise awareness of homelessness in the community. This walk is open to anyone who would like to participate. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Cece Toole.

SC Upstate is one of eleven universities and colleges participating in the CREATE (Centers for the Re-Education and Advancement of Teachers in Special Education) consortium. Since 2005 the School of Education in concert with Create has strived to satisfy the growing needs for a highly qualified special education teacher force in South Carolina by providing course scholarships and textbooks to over five hundred public school teachers completing their special education licensure. This initiative funded by the South Carolina Office of Exceptional Children has been a great success. When the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 was introduced, almost 40% of the South Carolina special education teachers held emergency/provisional licenses. Today, no special education teachers are teaching on provisional/emergency certificates, and only 52 (versus 114 in 2001) of the teacher vacancies are designated in special education, a decrease from 36% to 25% over the seven-year period (CERRA Teacher-Administrator Supply and Demand Report, 2009). For more information about this grant project contact Dr. Holly Pae.
Upward Bound Spring Update...

In any organization, leadership is key, and two Upward Bound students recently learned just how important being a leader is. Jamie Means, a 9th grader from McCracken Jr. High School, and Imanol Ortega, a 10th grader from Boiling Springs High School, competed and won the opportunity to attend the Wanda Hendricks-Bellamy Student Leadership Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC on January 14-16, 2011. The three-day conference, sponsored by TRIO - a federally-funded academic program, was geared towards recognizing outstanding leadership and helping students discover their potential. Students were nominated by their program director and selected based upon their demonstration of outstanding leadership qualities, high academic standing, and exemplary personality traits. The theme of the conference was “Transforming and Empowering Leaders to Make Changes.”

In January, Upward Bounders received a valuable lesson on financial literacy. Susan Clark, Market Growth Leader for Bank of America, facilitated a workshop and equipped students with tools to save invest and manage their money. They were taught how to balance their checkbooks and conserve during these tight economic times. Students opened checking accounts and left feeling empowered and financially independent.

In addition to learning to lead and manage money, Upward Bound students paused to have some fun on February 4, 2011, as they participated in the 4th Annual Step Show at the University of South Carolina Upstate. As a part of the observance of Black History Month, students took the stage and paid homage to the historical, African American Greek-lettered sororities and fraternities. Reggie Christie, an Upstate student and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, was the program’s step instructor. Not only did he teach the students the routine for the show, he also dedicated his time to teaching them the history and the art behind the performance. “I love working with the students,” said Reggie. “I enjoy showing the kids different things about college, especially introducing them to Greek life.”

Also as a part of the Black History Month celebration, the Upward Bound staff had an opportunity to meet and greet Congressman Jim Clyburn at the Freedom Luncheon which was held at USC Upstate. The key message was the importance of education and the call to make future generations better through diversity, acceptance and tolerance. Staff members were moved by his message. Clyburn serves as U.S. Congressman and Assistant Democratic Leader in the 112th Congress.

Students went on the Spring College Tour February 11-12, 2011, to Atlanta, Georgia. On the schedule were Morehouse College, Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University, and Clemson University. As a part of their cultural enrichment experience, students were awarded a special treat to see the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre Company (AAADT) perform at the Fox Theatre in downtown Atlanta. The company performed a collection of both new and traditional dance performances including “Anointed,” “Forgotten Time,” and the most well-known of Alley’s creations “Revelations.” Students also stopped at the World’s Largest Drive-in Restaurant, The Varsity, to experience a little southern hospitality. Since 1928 the attendants have been screaming, “What’ll You Have?” and serving up meals with a smile.

Rounding things up in March, the Upward Bound Program, along with the Financial Aid Department at the University of South Carolina Upstate, hosted College Goal South Carolina. This workshop was designed to provide financial aid information and to assist high school seniors and college students in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). College Goal South Carolina is sponsored yearly as a volunteer effort by the South Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the South Carolina Commission of Higher Education, and the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation in cooperation with the University of South Carolina Upstate. This workshop proved very useful; financial aid experts and other volunteers helped several parents and students with their paperwork and also provided information to help them explore grants and scholarships.
The USC Upstate Fitness Program Summer Camp will be for children aged 6 – 12 and will take place from Monday June 6, 2011 – Thursday June 16, 2011 from 8:00 am - 1:00 p.m. The camp will feature many different activities that include but are not limited to: swimming, soccer, flag football, team handball, basketball, cooperative games, health/nutrition education. If you have any questions regarding this camp, please contact Dr. Jim Kamla at jkamla@uscupstate.edu or 864 503-5851.

Upcoming TEACh Meeting - April 18, 2011...

End of the Year Celebration
Monday, April 18th!

Seniors will be recognized, and elections will be held!

Come and join the fun!

There will also be a Panel of Teachers ranging from student Teachers to upstate Graduates.

Contact: Hannah Stogner at stogner@email.uscupstate.edu or 803.968.2009
Teacher Cadets Coming to Campus!

USC Upstate Welcomes the Spartanburg Teacher Cadets to the 2011 Annual COLLEGE DAY
April 15, 2011

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we invite our Teacher Cadets to USC Upstate for the 2011 Annual Teacher Cadet College Day Event. Please join us on April 15, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm to discover all the programs and services USC Upstate has to offer! You will be introduced to some key faculty members from the School of Education, meet representatives from the Admissions and Financial Aid offices, as well as Student Affairs, and Student Athletics. You will also meet Jenna Hallman, the Director of the Teaching Fellows Program for South Carolina along with our current USC Upstate Teaching Fellows. It’s a GREAT way for you to get acquainted with USC Upstate and network with other Teacher Cadets from this area. More details to follow!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!
* If you are unable to attend the day program, you are welcome to attend the evening Dinner and Keynote.

Tentative Agenda
1:00 - 1:30    WELCOME !!
1:30 - 2:00    Admissions and Financial Aid
2:00 - 2:30    Student Affairs and Athletics
2:30 - 2:45    Break
2:45 - 3:15    USC Upstate Teaching Fellows
3:15 - 4:30    Campus Tour and Scavenger Hunt
4:30 - 5:00    Bookstore and Free Time
5:00 - 6:30    *DINNER and Keynote

Please RSVP by March 28 to Dr. Joan Lachance
JLachance@uscupstate.edu
(864) 503-5644
Regional Science Fair Update...

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Spartanburg, and hosted by USC Upstate, the 56th Annual Piedmont Region III Science Fair was held on February 22nd on campus in the University Readiness Center. Representatives from the School of Education coordinated the fair, with assistance from the College of Arts and Sciences, to include the Division of Natural Sciences and Engineering, and the Division of Mathematics and Computer Science. Assistance was also provided by professionals from the Rotary Club of Spartanburg, Converse College, the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind, Foothills Equestrian Na-Center, Wofford College, Spartanburg Community College, Limestone College, Spartanburg Methodist College, Milliken Corporation, and Sealed Air/Cryovac, as well as individuals in the community with science and educational backgrounds.

The fair involved students in grades 1-12 who represented public, private and home schools located in the South Carolina counties of Cherokee, Chester, Lancaster, Spartanburg, Union, and York. The projects were divided by grades into the following academic categories during the competition: Elementary Level (grades 1-4), Middle Level (grades 5-8), and Secondary Level (grades 9-12), with competition occurring in the following discipline categories: Behavioral and Social Science, Biology, Chemistry, General Science, Math and Computer Science, and Physics. A total of 632 projects were entered this year in the competition. Thanks to funding by the Rotary Club of Spartanburg, the overall winner, Chad Erturk of the Spartanburg Day School, and the runner up, Tyler Moon of the Fort Mill Area Home Schools, will be travelling to Los Angeles this May to compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Other winners received certificates and gift cards provided by the Rotary Club of Spartanburg, and scholarships to USC Upstate provided by the USC Upstate Foundation.

Dr. Herzberg Attends Meeting of the Minds at the American Printing House for the Blind...

Thirty-eight professors and graduate students converged in Louisville, February 6 - 8, to attend the fourth Meeting of the Minds at the American Printing House for the Blind, a nonprofit organization that creates educational, workplace, and independent living products and services for individuals who are blind and visually impaired. USC Upstate was represented by Dr. Tina Herzberg and Emily Tallon.

Many of the university personnel shared about their current research projects, and APH shared information about partnerships between APH and the university programs, including those that have resulted in new products. Project Leaders shared current and upcoming products, and the group discussed creative ways in which they use APH products to develop instructional activities for the students they are preparing for our field.

We are pleased to announce that Kerry Isham, a field service agent for APH, will be coming to USC Upstate on June 15th to share with the graduate students in the Visual Impairment Program and any other interested students about APH services and products.
The Spartanburg chapter of TEACH held a Scholastic Book Fair during the fall semester of 2010. The Scholastic Book Fair is used by the TEACH organization as a fundraiser to raise money and books for local schools. This year the book fair brought in almost $1,000 dollars to be spent on books. The money raised this past fall, combined with money that has been raised by the past Scholastic Book Fairs held at Upstate, was used to purchase more than $1,400 of books for Beech Springs Intermediate and South Carolina School of the Deaf and Blind. The two schools have already picked out their books, and they are beginning to arrive. Students from the organization will deliver the books to the school and read to the students. We are really excited about the opportunities we are providing for these schools.

~Submitted by Kasie Granner, Co-President of TEACH - Spartanburg Chapter

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Last Day to Withdrawal with WF—March 29
- Advisement Appointments with Advisor—March 21—31 (sign up early!)
- Priority Registration Begins April 4
- Student Teacher Applications for Spring 2012 Due April 15
- Teacher Cadets Day—April 15 (Dr. Joan Lachance - Faculty Sponsor)
- Last Day of Classes—April 25
- Commencement—May 3
- June 15 - Last Day to Apply to Professional Program for Fall Semester